

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 189

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 142

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 189—Relative to the Bernie Richter Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 189, La Malfa. Bernie Richter Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the 5-mile segment of State Highway Route 99 south of its intersection with State Highway Route 70 in the County of Sutter as the Bernie Richter Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the costs of appropriate plaques and markers showing this designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

WHEREAS, Bernie Richter, born September 7, 1931, in the City of Los Angeles, California, received a degree in political science from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1955, married Mary La Rae Richter in 1953, served in various public service posts, including as a commissioned officer in the United States Army Corps of Engineers and as a member of the Butte County Board of Supervisors, and was elected to the Assembly of the State of California in 1992 and served until 1998; and

WHEREAS, In January 1998 Bernie Richter witnessed a vehicle lose control, crash into a bridge abutment just south of the intersection of State Highway Route 99 and State Highway Route 70 in the County of Sutter, and burst into flames; and

WHEREAS, Bernie Richter, upon spotting flames leaping out of the hood of the vehicle, raced to the vehicle with his own fire extinguisher, and with the assistance of another good Samaritan, rescued the driver by pulling him out of the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Bernie Richter died at the age of 68 on October 25, 1999; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the five-mile segment of State Highway Route 99 south of its intersection with State Highway Route 70 in the County of Sutter be designated the Bernie Richter Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the five-mile

segment of State Highway Route 99 south of its intersection with State Highway Route 70 in the County of Sutter as the Bernie Richter Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signage requirements for the state highway system, showing these special designations, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

